

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Goldstream Valley Lions Club****Federal Tax ID: 92-0144208****Project Title:**

Goldstream Valley Lions Club - Goldstream Valley Park And Community Center Well

State Funding Requested: \$ 23,000**House District: 8 - D**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Install a well at the Goldstream Valley Park and Ken Kunkel Community Center located in the Goldstream Valley.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$23,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Currently, there are over 20 child and youth groups in Goldstream Valley with no place to gather on a regular basis. In early 1996, GVLC recognized a need for a community center in the Goldstream Valley, and instigated a plan to develop a facility where residents and children could meet for recreation, civic engagement and community activities. Just five years ago, GVLC hosted a 2-day "Groundbreaking and Fill Event" in which local businesses and community volunteers to set the stage for further development. With a cash contribution from GVLC for equipment purchase, the community volunteers installed climbing and swing sets, picnic tables, horseshoe pits, a fire ring and wooden fencing. The following summer, GVLC constructed a log pavilion. Each of these community events ended with a potluck dinner and celebration of the efforts. To complete this first phase, GVLC received a planned gift of 25 acres for the park, an additional donation of 1 acre for the playground, locally generated cash donations totaling \$56,000 and \$67,000 in grants from the Borough to purchase the land.

In summer 2000, GVLC broke ground on a 2240 sf community center building (Phase II). Local contractors, through a cash contribution from the Lions Club, completed the foundation, framing, electric, plumbing and heating.

GVLC has leveraged substantial community support throughout the entire project, inviting over 85 volunteers and 153 local businesses that contributed \$364,188 in in-kind donations. GVLC received a planned gift of 25 acres for the park, an additional donation of 1 acre for the playground, locally generated cash donations totaling \$56,000 and \$67,000 in grants from the Borough to purchase additional land. Cash donations from Lions Club total \$90,149, with in-kind donations from Club members of over \$78,000. Nadine Hargesheimer, former Chief of Staff, Fairbanks North Star Borough, said, "The Goldstream Valley Lions exemplify the terms "community" and "volunteerism". As a group, they identified a community

need, committed funds and a huge volunteer effort, and approached the Fairbanks North Star borough with a unique partnership agreement to maintain the park after the final phase is completed." Through the Club's dedication and commitment, the grand opening of the Ken Kunkel Community Center and Park is becoming a reality.

The drilling of a well at the Goldstream Valley Park is essential to the success of a long-term playing field for soccer and other outdoor youth activities. To establish a strong root base for the longevity of the field surface, the park must drill a well to supply ongoing soil saturation and for proper seed germination.

Project Timeline:

The well will be drilled as early as possible in the spring of 2008. Funds will be expended no later than the end of June 2008.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

The Goldstream Valley Lions Club

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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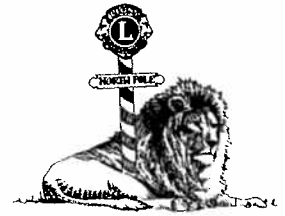
Funds for this project are located in the Governor's FY09 Budget:

No

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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December 18, 2007

Representative David Guttenberg
State of Alaska
State Capitol, Room 418
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Guttenberg:

The Goldstream Valley Lions Club respectfully requests your assistance in drilling a well for the Goldstream Valley Park and Ken Kunkel Community Center. The project will cost \$23,000.

The Lions reached a milestone last year in their endeavor to provide a park and playground, community center and ball fields for the Goldstream Valley community. 2006 marks 10 years of hard work toward this goal. With generous donations by club members, we began construction of a one-acre playground in 1996. We finished the playground in 1997, and then began work on the Ken Kunkel Community Center, which was available for use in 2002. In 2005, we leveled the area designated for the soccer and softball fields and began construction of an outhouse. Our community park was made possible through two grants from the Fairbanks North Star Borough, cash donations by Goldstream residents, and donated man hours by local businesses and community members. A donor board inside the Community Center proudly displays the many businesses and individuals that have contributed to this project.

The Community Center has been used as a polling station, mobile library, and veterinarian clinic, and for a myriad of other events including playgroups, scout meetings, wedding receptions, birthday parties, ski team events, yoga classes, road service meetings, political rallies, and community service meetings. Then, of course, there are the annual Lion functions like the Spring Fling and the Halloween Party. Many non-profit groups use the facility free of charge.

The Goldstream Valley Lions hope you will be able to help us with this ongoing collaborative effort, and are happy to provide any additional information that may assist you in your decision-making process. The Club is keenly interested in completing this project, not only for the benefit it will bring to local youth and residents but because it will, also, free up the Lion's time to better meet the continued social and humanitarian needs of our local residents. For more information, please contact our Project Coordinator John Hiltenbrand at jhiltenbrand@northstar.k12.ak.us or (907) 479-0602.

Respectfully,

Nancy Veitch
Member of the Board
Goldstream Valley Lions Club